

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
REGULATORY REFORM**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

**12:00 P.M.**

**Room 308 House Office Building**

**Representative Farrah**, chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Farrah, Scott, Meadows, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Marleau, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (9/9)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None. (0/9)

**Representative Farrah**, chair, laid **HB 4869** and **HB 4870** before the committee.

HB 4869	Farrah	Occupations; athletics; boxing regulatory act; modify to allow "ultimate fighting championships".
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HB 4870	Farrah	Occupations; athletics; certain mixed martial arts activities; exempt from penal code.
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**Marc Ratner**, representing the Ultimate Fighting Championship, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4869** and **HB 4870**.

**Ken Florian**, representing the Ultimate Fighting Championship, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4869** and **HB 4870**.

**Mike Mersch**, representing the Ultimate Fighting Championship, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4869** and **HB 4870**.

**Jeannine Benedict**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4869** and **HB 4870** in concept.

**Amy Shell**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4869** and **HB 4870** in concept.

**Al Low**, Chairman of the Michigan Boxing Commission, testified before the committee on **HB 4869** and **HB 4870**.

**Representative Dave Robertson** testified before the committee on **HB 4869** and **HB 4870**.

**Stephen Gobbo**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 4869** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Scott** moved to report **HB 4869** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Farrah, Scott, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Marleau, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (8/9)

**NAYS:** None. (0/9)

**PASS:** None. (0/9)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Ward** moved to report **HB 4870** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Farrah, Scott, Virgil Smith, Wojno, Marleau, Palsrok, Gaffney, Ward. (8/9)

**NAYS:** None. (0/9)

**PASS:** None. (0/9)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Gaffney** moved to adopt the minutes from the May 29, 2007 meeting. No objections being made, the minutes were adopted.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 1:09 p.m.

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Representative Barbara Farrah, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070